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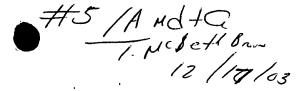
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In response to the office action dated September 3, 2003, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of the pending claims.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.